

Resolution No: 11-03

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SAN DIEGO RIVER
CONSERVANCY**

**Application for Grant Funds from
The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood
Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006
(Proposition 84)**

**Authorizing a grant to the San Diego History Center for the development of an
Interpretive Plan and Exhibit Design for the Serra Museum at Presidio Park, which
features the San Diego River and incorporates its historical ecology.**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above;

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Conservancy and the State Resources Agency have been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the San Diego River Conservancy finds the application for grant funds for Proposition 84 consistent with its enabling statute which directs the Conservancy "to provide for the public's enjoyment, and to enhance the recreational and educational experience and historic interpretation on public lands in the territory."; and to collaborate with the California Department Parks and Recreation, the San Diego River Coalition and others;

WHEREAS, the scope of the project is consistent with Program 2, Recreation & Education and Program 3, Natural and Cultural Resources Preservation and Restoration of the Conservancy's Strategic Plan, and also addresses Annual Work Plans that encourages a program and or projects that implement the San Diego River Conservancy Act's requirement to pursue cultural resource planning within the watershed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Diego River Conservancy's Governing Board:

1. Authorizing preparation of a grant proposal to the San Diego History Center for the development of an Interpretive Plan and Exhibit Design for the Serra Museum at Presidio Park that features the San Diego River and incorporates its historical ecology.
2. Authorizes the Executive Officer and staff to request \$150,000 from the Coastal Conservancy from Proposition 84 funds appropriated to the Coastal Conservancy for projects authorized by the San Diego River Conservancy.
3. Appoints the Executive Officer, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project(s).
4. Approved and adopted the 5th day of May 2011. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 11-03 was duly adopted by the San Diego River Conservancy's Governing Board.



Michael J. Nelson
Executive Officer

CAPITOL OFFICE:
STATE CAPITOL
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
TEL (916) 651-4039
FAX (916) 327-2188

DISTRICT OFFICE:
2445 5TH AVENUE, SUITE 200
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
TEL (619) 645-3133
FAX (619) 645-3144

California State Senate

SENATOR
CHRISTINE KEHOE
THIRTY-NINTH SENATE DISTRICT



STANDING COMMITTEES:
• APPROPRIATIONS, CHAIR
• BANKING, FINANCE AND INSURANCE
• BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW
• ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS
• LOCAL GOVERNMENT
• NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER
• TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING
JOINT COMMITTEES:
• EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, CHAIR
• ARTS
• FAIRS, ALLOCATION AND CLASSIFICATION
• FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE
• LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
MEMBER:
• LEGISLATIVE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER CAUCUS
• LEGISLATIVE WOMEN'S CAUCUS

July 26, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco and Members of the Coastal Conservancy:

I write in support of the grant request submitted by the San Diego History Center in partnership with the San Diego River Conservancy for the creation of an interpretive plan to provide guidance for the development of future exhibitions and programs at the Serra Museum.

The San Diego River once flowed immediately below Presidio Hill and its location was one of the major reasons why the San Diego Mission de Alcalá and the Presidio were located where they were. The 1928-1929 construction of the Serra Museum commemorates both the Mission and the Presidio.

Through the use of interactive displays, educational programs, the development of website materials and curriculum for use in local schools, the history of the San Diego River will come alive. Using as a model a 2009 exhibition about pre-historic Manhattan Island that was developed by the Wildlife Conservation Society for the Museum of the City of New York, the Serra Museum will become home to future exhibitions and programs that will share with the public interactive exhibits emphasizing how human culture and the environment in which they live are intertwined.

As the author of the legislation that established the San Diego River Conservancy, I urge the California Coastal Conservancy to support this effort to tell the human side of the story of the San Diego River and the role the river played from our region's early history to the present through the work of historical ecologists.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Kehoe".

CHRISTINE KEHOE
Senator, 39th District



COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM KEVIN L. FAULCONER

SECOND DISTRICT
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

August 16, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

As the San Diego City Councilman for the Old Town community, it is my pleasure to support the San Diego History Center's request for a \$150,000 grant to fund the creation of future exhibitions and programs for the Junípero Serra Museum.

The Junípero Serra Museum intends to partner with the San Diego River Conservancy with the hope of implementing interactive exhibits and educational programs that will display the ecological history of the San Diego River. With its original construction in 1928, the Junípero Serra Museum is a local icon and an ideal location to showcase the relationship between human culture and the environment.

I encourage you to approve the San Diego History Center's application for grant funding and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Faulconer", written in a cursive style.

Kevin L. Faulconer
Council President Pro Tem
Second District

KF:ic



Exhibit 3: Project Support Letters

San Diego Presidio Park Council

2125 Park Boulevard

San Diego, CA 92101

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

During our last San Diego Presidio Park Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to support the \$150,000 funding request the San Diego History Center made to you.

The \$150,000 would fund the creation of an interpretive plan for the Junipero Serra Museum that will provide guidance for the development of future exhibitions and programs at the site. The project will be carried in collaboration with the San Diego River Conservancy.

The purpose of the San Diego Presidio Park Council is to support the conservation and management of the cultural and natural resources of the publicly owned Presidio Park for education and enjoyment as envisioned by its donor, George W. Marston. Mr. Marston donated the Junipero Serra Museum and surrounding parkland to the City of San Diego in 1929 with the provision that the Museum be managed by the San Diego History Center.

The San Diego River lies directly below the hill on which the Junipero Serra Museum stands and where the first California mission, Mission San Diego de Alcalá stood (1769-1775). The site was also the location of El Presidio de San Diego (1769-1835), the oldest European settlement on the west coast of the United States. The San Diego River was the prime reason for the placement of the Mission and Presidio in 1769.

The inclusion of the River's history and importance to the San Diego region is most needed in telling San Diego's story.

Very Sincerely,

Eleanor A. Neely
Chairperson